

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 444

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gladys Memphis Garland on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Memphis Garland celebrated her 100th birthday on November 27, 2015, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Henderson community, Mrs. Garland has lived a blessed life, having experienced firsthand the most eventful and productive years in American history; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Georgia and Tommy Shields, Gladys Garland was born near Pinson, and was one of thirteen children; and

WHEREAS, known affectionately as "Ms. Memphis" by her many friends and family, Gladys Garland has lived in many places in Chester County but spent much of her 100 years living in the eastern part of the county near Jacks Creek; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mrs. Garland worked as a homemaker, and also for Southwest; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Garland was joined in marriage with Jack Barham for fifty-two years until his passing in 1986. The couple's blessed union produced five children; and

WHEREAS, as Gladys Garland enters her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Gladys Memphis Garland on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.